

Rosenquist, et al.
Application No. 10/730,070
Docket No. 60686CIP(46865)

REMARKS

Claims 4 thru 7 have been amended. No new matter has been added by the amendments. The specification recites all related applications on page 1, lines 5-8.

1. Claims 4-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The Examiner states that, "There are a number of instances of lack of antecedent basis in the claims, in claim 4, line 2, "the amount" for example. Dependent claims must begin with a definite article. The preamble of claim 4 may be intended to read "A method of measuring a rate". In claim 4, line 4, there is inconsistency between the antibodies where it would appear both must be specifically reactive. In claim 4, line 5, there may be a typo regarding the collagen type.".

Claims 4 thru 7 have been amended to address the Examiner's basis for rejection. Consequently, the above cited rejection should be obviated.

Applicants request the entry of the changes to the claims requested above. No new matter has been added by the amendments to the claims. Applicants submit that the present application and claims, as amended, is in condition for allowance, and, accordingly, early consideration and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

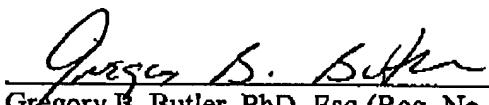
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Respectfully submitted,

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